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1. Vice-Admiral Josip Gerni was relieved of his post as commander of the Yugoslav Naval Fleet in the latter part of the summer 1950. He has been appointed to a new post in Belgrade.
2. Captain Branko Pecotic has been appointed to the post of Commander of the Yugoslav Naval Fleet. Pecotic is from Smokvice on Korcula Island and up to the present has been Naval Chief of Staff. His former position has been given to Captain Ljubo Truta, who until that time was operational officer in the Naval Command.

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Comment: The new Naval Commander, Captain Branko Pecotic was Commander of the Twentieth Partisan Division during the war. In 1946 Pecotic, Captains Ljubo Truta and Stanko Parmac were trained in the advanced Naval Academy in Leningrad, where Pecotic reportedly completed his training at the top of his class. Upon his return from the Soviet Union he was assigned to the post of Chief of Staff of the Naval Command, where he remained until his present assignment. He is very active in politics and often holds political meetings throughout Dalmatia. Captain Stanko Parmac is commander of the Naval Military School in Divulje. Branko Pecotic, Ljubo Truta, and Stanko Parmac together with the Rear-Admiral Mamula are considered in the circles of officers of the Yugoslav Naval Fleet as the most prominent Communist personalities. These four men have expressed their loyalty to Tito.

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